s. No.	NH No.	Section	State	Length (Km)
16	52B	Dibrugarh-NH 52 along 3ogibeel bridge	Assam	31
17	53	Badarpur-Imphal	Assam Manipur	IG O
18	54	Daboka-Silchar-Lunglei	Assam Mizoram	335 515
19	54A	Lunglei-Theriat	Mizoram	9
20	54B	Venus Saddle-Saiha	Mizoram	27
21	61	Knhima-Jhnnji	Nagaland Assam	220 20
22	62	Danira-Bagliniara-Dalu	Assam Meghalaya	5 190
23	150	Aizawi-Imphal-Kohima	Mizoram Manipur Nagaland	141 523 36
24	151	Karimganj-Indo-Bangladesh border	Assam	14
25	152	Patachariktichi-Indo-Bhutan border	Assam	40
		TOTAL		6417

Handing over of National Highways to NHAI

568. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government had decided in December, 1998 to hand over National Highways in various States to the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI);

(b) if so, whether the decision has been implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay and steps taken by Government to ensure proper maintenance of the National Highways in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, it has been partly implemented.

(c) Entrustment of National Highways to NHAI is being done in a phased manner. National Highways are being maintained in traffic worthy conditions within the available resources.

Plan to Minimise Road Accidents

†568. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made in respect of construction of about seven throusand kilometers long National Highways as declared by Government; and total expenditure to be incurred thereon alongwith the expenditure proposed to be incurred during the year of 1999-2000; and

(b) whether Government are formulating any plan to bring down the number of accidents being occurred on National Highways; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The Hon'ble Member is perhaps referring to the construction of 4/6 laning of the 7300 kms of North South Corridor from Kashmir to Kanyakumari including Cochin-Salem spur and East-West Corridor from Silchar to Saurashtra at an estimated cost of Rs. 27,000 crores as announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in October, 1998. Work at 16 sections totalling to a length of about 220 kms. have commenced. This is estimated to cost around Rs. 670 crores.

(b) To reduce the number of accidents, road improvement works, like widening to four lanes, strengthening existing two lane sections, reconstruction of weak and narrow bridges, construction of bypasses, widening of single lane sections to two lanes, provision of services roads, parking laybyes, passenger oriented wayside amenities, retro reflective road signs, thermoplastic road markings etc. are being undertaken depending on the available resources to cater to increased

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.